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President U Thein Sein pays homage to 14th Shwegyin Gana Sangharaja Sayadaw

President U Thein Sein donates offertories to 14th Shwegyin Gana Sangharaja Abbot of Zayamedani Waso Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agghiya of Mandalay.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—President U Thein Sein together with Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Union Ministers and the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region paid homage to 14th Shwegyin Gana Sangharaja Sayadaw Abbot of Zayamedani Waso Monastery and the body of the late Abbot of Masoeyein Monastery at Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay this morning.

The President asked after the Abbot of Zayamedani Waso Monastery of Mandalay State Ovadaçariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Agghiya and supplicated on religious affairs before he donated offertories and nourishment meals to the Sayadaw and paid homage to the Buddha image there.

The President also paid homage to the body of late Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Masoeyein Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Ratta Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa at Masoeyein Monastery.

He also donated offertories to the Sayadaws of Mosoeyein Monastery. The President supplicated on arrangements of the final rites for the late Vice-Chairman of SSMNC.

The Sayadaw, aged 89 and 69 vasa, passed away on 9 January. The final rites of the Sayadaw will be held on 18 January noon at Ayeyeiknyein cemetery in Mandalay.

MNA

WWII's dead railway turned into nearest road to link with Thailand

BY KAYAN SOE MYINT; *PHOTO:* KYAW MOE LWIN

A motor road is being constructed on the route of the World War II's dead railway between Myanmar and Thailand and so far 37 miles and six furlongs in earthen type have been completed. The road which passes through mountain ranges in Kayin and Mon States would be 64 miles and five furlongs long and 40 ft wide. Work on construction of the road started in January, 2013. And, as it is near to the AH-112 ASEAN Highway, it would also be an international route.

"It is also the nearest route to link with Thailand," said Deputy Superintending Engineer U Hsan Lwin of the Road Construction Special Group No. 9 under the Ministry of Construction. KNU peace group has also given their helping hands to the construction group to tackle the challenges with the construction, he added. "We heard that a foreign country would assist in the construction and I am not sure the road will be the concrete one and tarred one," U Hsan Lwin said.

"We had challenges to construct the road as it is on the route of the notorious dead railway and we tackled the challenges thanks to our strenuous efforts," said Ko Than Naing, an assistant engineer supervising the road construction. During the World War -II, Japanese troops constructed the 260 miles-long rail road linking Myanmar and Thailand to control the South East Asian region, and later it became notorious as "the dead railway".

On the road, there would be a total of 165 bridges and they are under construction in synchronization with the construction of the road. "The completed portion the road passes through the Karen villages and local people happy today as the road takes shape," Ko Than Naing said. Upon completion, the road would be a facility that would contribute to development of Kayin and Mon States though it was named as the dead road in the past.

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LOCAL NEWS

Electrification

Kywekhotaw Village of Salingyi gets electrification

SALINGYI, 12 Jan—A ceremony to launch supply of electricity on a self-reliant basis was held in Kywekhotaw Village in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region, on 10 January evening.

Sagaing Region Minister for Forestry, Mining and Energy U Than Htaik, Chairman of Township Management Committee U Kyaw Thaung, Region Hluttaw MP U Nay Win and Township Electrical Engineer U Ye Lin Kyaw launched the electrification.

A local spoke words of thanks for efforts of the local authorities in electrification tasks. A total of 120 houses among 185 houses in Kywekhotaw Village have been installed with electric meters. On a self-reliant basis, the transformer was installed in the village, said a local.

Kyemon-U Nge (Salingyi)

School Family Day observed in Hlinethaya

HLINETHAYA, 12 Jan—Basic Education Middle School No 11 located on Pawhsanhmwe 4th Street in Ward 12 of Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, held the School Family Day for 2012-13 academic year on 10 January.

Students performed entertainment with playback music to the audiences.

The prize presentation for outstanding students followed.

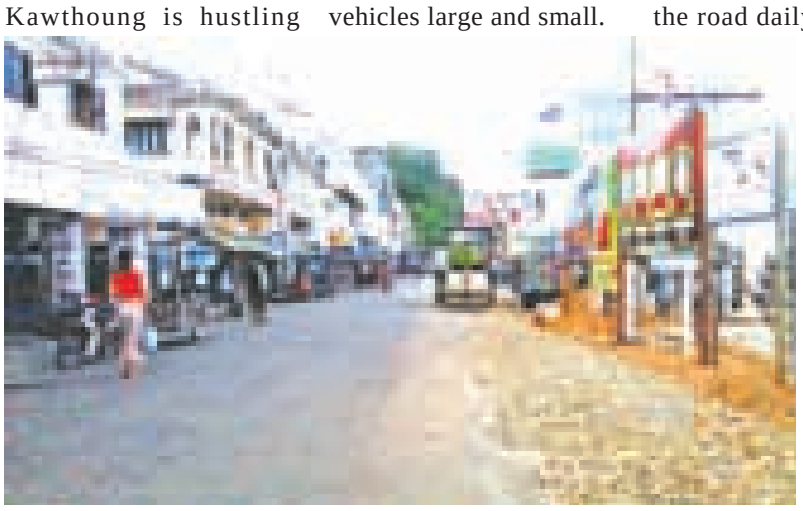
The ceremony was attended by Headmister U Paw Oo, teachers, members of the School Board of Trustees, chairman of ward development supportive committee, ward authorities, parents of students and guests.

Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

Expansion of Strand Road in Kawthoung reduces traffic congestions

KAWTHOUNG, 12 Jan—The strand road in Kawthoung is hustling and bustling with sellers and buyers in addition to vehicles large and small.

That is why the traffic congestions occur along the road daily.



Expansion of Strand Road in Kawthoung in progress.

Village library put into service in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—A ceremony to open Kanletmya Library was held in Nyana Theikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

Writer Maung Thin Khaing and officials opened the library.

Director of Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Than Win explained advantages of the library and development of it.

Vice-Chairman of the library U Aung Kyaw Moe briefed all the attendees on durability tasks for the library. Assistant Director of Nay Pyi Taw IPRD U Soe Paing, library committee members and local people attended the ceremony.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Pseudo-ephedrine tablets worth K 121.6 million seized

KALAY, 12 Jan—A police squad together with witnesses, acting on tip-off, raided the house of Ma Ram Neim Thing in Pyinkhongyi Village in Mauk-lin Village-tract of Kalay Township on 8 January.

They seized 1,216,600 tablets of pseudoephedrine tablets weighing 121.66 kilos worth K 121.6 million.

Suspects Ma Ram Neim Thing and Christ Rosen from Pyinkhongyi Village and Ma Thang Pa of Letpanchaung Village were arrested along with one Surf car, one 2C-8741 car and K 40 million.

The suspect Pu Kye (a) Salai Mahn Thing Thang of Letpanchaung Village who was trafficker of drug escaped from the scene, and police goes on investigation to arrest the escaped person.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

Kya-in Bridge construction commences

KAWKAREIK, 12 Jan—A bridge linking south and north Kya-in villages construction task started in Kawkareik Township, border town of Myanmar and Thailand in Kayin State recently. Officials of Public Works inspected the progress of tasks and fulfilled the requirement.—*Kyemon-Soe Htet Aung (IPRD)*

Under the arrangement of Kawthoung Township Development Affairs Committee, the strand road is being expanded with seven feet in width along it spending K 6.3 million funded by Taninthayi Region Government.

As a result, the vehicles get access to car parks along the road.

Moreover, the transport of commodities and passengers can be carried out smoothly and conveniently.

At present, Strand Road reduce traffic congestions.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Officials of Administration Department of Yangon City Development Committee supervise putting put of overdue commercials signboards in Myenigon at junction of Pyay and Bagaya Road in Sangyoung Township with the use of platform truck on 11 January.

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WORLD

Two file candidacy for Nago mayoral race, US base relocation in focus

NAHA, 12 Jan — Campaigning kicked off on Sunday for the 19 January mayoral election in Nago, Okinawa Prefecture, with the incumbent, who opposes the hosting of a new US military airport, facing a challenge from a pro-base candidate.

Susumi Inamine, the 68-year-old incumbent seeking a second four-year term, is recommended by the Japanese Communist Party, the People's Life Party and the Social Democratic Party, while Bunshin Suematsu, the 65-year-old former Okinawa prefectural assembly member, is recommended by the Liberal Democratic Party.

The outcome is expected to affect the Japan-US plan to relocate the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station from a crowded residential area in Ginowan to a coastal area in less densely populated Nago, both in Okinawa, after Okinawa Gov Hirokazu Nakaima approved last month landfill work to build a relocation facility.

Kyodo News

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks during a media conference in Dhaka on 6 Jan, 2014.
REUTERS

New Bangladesh government to be sworn in after disputed polls

DHAKA, 12 Jan — Bangladesh's new government is set to be sworn in on Sunday, a week after the ruling party won a violence-plagued election that the opposition boycotted and amid growing international calls for a fresh and inclusive polls.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League ended with more than two-thirds of seats in a contest that was shunned by international observers as flawed and derided as a farce by the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

With fewer than half the seats contested, the outcome was never in doubt.

The new cabinet will be sworn in this afternoon, with Hasina, 64, taking oath as prime minister for the third term, said cabinet secretary Mohammad Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan.

The BNP, led by former premier and Hasina's bitter rival Begum Khaleda Zia, said the new government was not legitimate, but an autocratic dictatorial government devoid of the representation of the people.

On Saturday, Khaleda, 68, left her residence for a meeting with Chinese Ambassador Lee Jung after two weeks of under virtual "house arrest", which the government denied.

Both heirs to political dynasties, Hasina and Khaleda have alternated as prime minister for all but two of the past 22 years.

The United States has called on the new government and opposition to engage in immediate dialogue to find a way to hold "free, fair, peaceful, and credible" elections as soon as possible.—*Reuters*

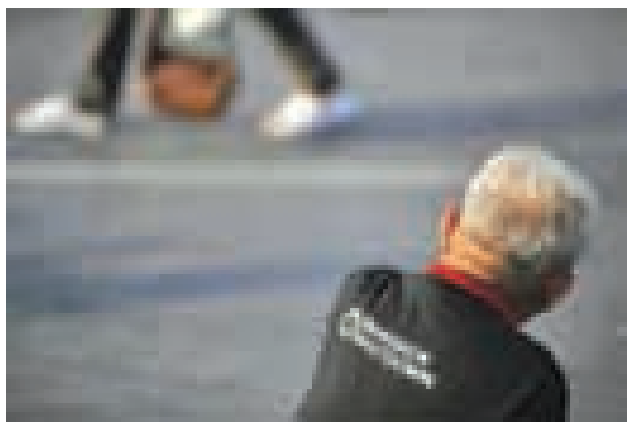
Egypt forecasts major milestone in future roadmap

CAIRO, 12 Jan — The referendum on Egypt's new draft constitution slated for 14-15 January represents a major milestone in the country's future roadmap, political experts said. The referendum marks the first time that Egyptians would go to the polls since the ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi by the military last July, after mass protests against his one-year rule and his Muslim Brotherhood group.

On Saturday, army chief and defence minister Abdel-Fattah al- Sisi said the new constitution would represent "one-third of the future roadmap," calling on all Egyptians to take part in the referendum and not to "embarrass" him and the army. The new constitution is a prior step to pave the way for presidential and parliamentary elections in the country which is now run by an interim president and a transitional government. Gamal Salama, head of political science department at Suez University, said the constitutional referendum would mark "a beginning for the establishment of new executive and legislative institutions to fill in the vacant leading posts in the country."

"A new constitution may lead the country to more security and stability," Salama told *Xinhua*, noting that the constitutional referendum is like "a written registration to document the demands of the masses who took to the streets on last 30 June to remove Morsi." Salama expected at least 50 percent of the 53 million eligible voters to take part in the polls and that the new constitution would be approved by a majority of votes. Meanwhile, he commended Sisi's invitation for the people to go to the polls. "His invitation will have a great effect on the people who would respond to protect their demands."

Xinhua



An anti-government protester passes time as other walk by inside their encampment near Democracy monument in Bangkok on 11 Jan, 2014.
REUTERS

Thai protest leader rejects compromise but says 'no civil war'

BANGKOK, 12 Jan — The leader of a movement trying to topple Thailand's government said he would call off his protest if civil war threatened to break out but rejected any compromise with the government ahead of a planned "shutdown" of the capital.

Supporters of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra were rallying in her defence on Sunday but steered clear of Bangkok, where people went about their business as usual.

The anti-government protesters accuse Yingluck and her brother, former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, of corruption. She has called an election for February 2 but protesters want her caretaker government to step down immediately.

Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban ruled out talks with the government in an interview published on Sunday, but said he would stand down his movement if, as some fear, violence escalates and civil war looms.

"If it becomes a civil war, I will give up. People's life is precious for me," he was reported as saying by the English-language Sunday Nation. "If someone instigates a civil war, I will tell the people to go home."

The eight-year conflict pits Bangkok's middle class and royalist establishment against the mostly poorer, rural supporters of Yingluck and Thaksin, who was overthrown in a military coup in 2006.

Their Puea Thai Party seems likely to win any new election, which the government says must be held on February 2 now parliament has been dissolved and the date endorsed by the king.

However, a member of the Election Commission said on Saturday the vote could be held on May 4, arguing that was permissible under the constitution because candidates had been prevented from registering in some districts, meaning there would be no quorum to open parliament after a February poll.—*Reuters*

Obama honours Sharon's dedication to Israel, Biden to go to funeral

US Vice President Joe Biden

WASHINGTON, 12 Jan — President Barack Obama on Saturday lauded the late Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's dedication to the Jewish state and reaffirmed an "unshakable commitment" to Israel's security as Vice President Joe Biden prepared to attend the funeral.

Obama called Sharon — who died at age 85 on Saturday and had been in a coma for the entirety of Obama's presidency — "a leader who dedicated his life to the state of Israel." He said he sent his "deepest condolences" to Sharon's family.

The United States has long been a critical ally of Israel. But Obama has had a strained relationship with the current Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, on issues including Israel's settlement policies — championed by Sharon — and the current US diplomatic drive to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons capability.

At the same time, US Secretary of State John Kerry is leading a renewed effort to broker an agreement on a "two-state solution" in which Israel would exist peacefully alongside a new Palestinian state created in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, lands seized by Israel in the 1967 war.

"We reaffirm our unshakable commitment to Israel's security and our appreciation for the enduring friendship between our two countries and our two peoples," Obama said in a statement released by the White House. "We continue to strive for lasting peace and security for the people of Israel, including through our commitment to the goal of two states living side-by-side in peace and security," the Democratic president added.

Obama will not attend the memorial service for Sharon, with Biden instead leading the US delegation. Sharon had been in a coma since suffering a stroke at the height of his power as prime minister in January 2006. Obama took office in 2009. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Kerry also will not attend the funeral "due to previously scheduled meetings in Paris focused on the situation in Syria and the Middle East peace process."—*Reuters*

WORLD

McAuliffe sworn in as Virginia governor, as Clintons look on

RICHMOND, 12 Jan — Terry McAuliffe, a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and a major party fundraiser, was sworn in as governor of Virginia on Saturday, cheered on by his friends former President Bill Clinton and potential White House contender Hillary Clinton.

Terry Mcauliffe, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and also the former chairman of the Hillary Clinton for President committee, waves at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado on 26 Aug, 2008. — REUTERS

McAuliffe, 56, who led a Democratic sweep of the three top offices in the swing state, took the oath at the state Capitol, which was designed by Thomas Jefferson.The governor, who has never before held public office, in November narrowly defeated Republican Ken Cuccinelli, the outgoing attorney general and a favourite of the party's conservative Tea Party wing. For the first time in a quarter century Democrats hold the state's top elective posts: governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

McAuliffe once wrestled an alligator to get a campaign contribution, and he could face a similar challenge getting bills through a state legislature, where Republicans hold two-thirds of the seats. "The next four years will be our moment to again show Americans what can be accomplished by mainstream leaders, and to show Virginians that we will live up their expectations of consensus-driver progress," McAuliffe told the audience at his inauguration.

Former President Clinton was cheered when he descended the steps of the state Capitol's south portico to sit in the front row. Former Secretary of State Clinton had earlier slipped in quietly, and she held an umbrella over her husband as he took his place. Hillary Clinton is the overwhelming favourite for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 2016, but she has not announced whether she will run. — *Reuters*

A forest fireman tries to put out fire caused by the eruption of the Pacaya volcano in the municipality of San Vicente Pacaya, department of Escuintla, Guatemala, on 11 Jan, 2014. The National Coordination for Disaster Reduction of Guatemala issued the orange alert on Thursday as a preventive measure for the eruption of the Pacaya volcano, according to the local Press. — XINHUA

China offers Syria 3.3 m USD worth of humanitarian aid

DAMASCUS, 12 Jan — The Chinese Embassy in Damascus confirmed Saturday that China has pledged to provide Syria with 20 million RMB worth (3.3 million US dollars) of humanitarian aid, with the first batch of the aid having arrived on Friday.

The Chinese Ambassador in Syria said the relief mainly consisted of blankets and quilts, which are essential for the millions of internal dislocated Syrians who are battling an exceptionally harsh winter.

A cargo plane arrived in the Damascus International Airport on Friday with the first batch of goods, while the second shipment is due to arrive early Sunday, Zhang Xun said.

According to Zhang, on the receiving end of the relief is the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, who will organize and oversee the distribution of the aid.

According to the latest statistics from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the number of Syrian refugees who fled to neighboring countries exceeded 2.3 million while 4.25 million are internal dislocated. — *Xinhua*

Iran insists right of using advanced centrifuges

TEHERAN, 12 Jan — Carrying out researches and using advanced centrifuges are indispensable right of Iran, said head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Ali-Akbar Salehi on Saturday. Salehi's remarks were a response to the reported disagreements between Iran and the world powers in recent nuclear talks on implementing the landmark nuclear deal on the country's controversial nuclear programme as Teheran has announced that it will continue researches on the new generations of the centrifuges.

Iran's advanced homemade centrifuges have been a bone of contention in Thursday and Friday's talks between the Iranian and European Union (EU) negotiators, Salehi said.

"There were one or two issues for which the experts had gone to Geneva, and one of them which was raised by the other side was the advanced centrifuges" whose possession and running is the indispensable right of the Islamic Republic of Iran, he said.

Salehi expressed the confidence that Iran and the P5+1 Group (the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France plus Germany) would eventually reach an agreement on this issue, but said raising such an issue is not logical and wise and not the questions the West's respect for human rights since it means that "they expect us not to think." He hoped the differences between Iran and the world powers would be settled, saying that "Our position is very good now; we carry out enrichment, and continue our discoveries and nuclear technology applications," the report said.

Xinhua

Tap water fix in West Virginia still days away after spill

CHARLESTON, 12 Jan — Tap water in Charleston, West Virginia, and nearby communities will remain unsafe in the coming days, an official said on Saturday as residents spent a third day unable to bathe, shower or drink from the faucet due to a chemical spill tainting the Elk River.

As much as 5,000 gallons (18,927 liters) of industrial chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, or Crude MCHM, leaked into the river on Thursday, state officials said.

The spill came from a tank belonging to Freedom Industries, a Charleston company that produces specialty chemicals for the mining, steel and cement industries, authorities said.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin on Friday declared a state of emergency for nine counties, with the affected area including the state capital of Charleston, the state's largest city.

President Barack Obama has issued an emergency declaration. "Our teams are out and we have employees that have worked this (water) system that are extremely knowledgeable. (They are) out collecting samples and looking at flushing activities at this time," Jeff McIntyre, president of West Virginia American Water Co, told reporters on Saturday.

"But we are talking days" before water quality meets federally mandated quality standards, said McIntyre, whose company runs the state's largest water treatment plant.

Water is distributed to residents at the South Charleston Community Center in Charleston, West Virginia, on 10 Jan, 2014. — REUTERS

The regional ban on using tap water will be lifted one area at a time as officials work to meet the 1 part per million requirement set by the federal Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, McIntyre said.

Officials have said chemical levels in the water were declining, but the spill forced schools and businesses to close in Charleston and surrounding communities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency sent 75 tractor trailers full of bottled water to distribute, with National Guard assistance, to the over 300,000 people unable to use their tap water.

"As of Saturday, FEMA has delivered approximately 1 million liters of water from its distribution centers in Cumberland and Frederick, Maryland, to the area for use by the state," it said. "FEMA will continue to deliver supplies to the state for distribution, as needed."

Reuters

More foreigners visit Cambodia's two world heritage sites in 2013

PHNOM PENH, 12 Jan — Cambodia's two world heritage sites, the Angkor Wat temple and Preah Vihear temple, continued to see growth in the number of foreign tourists in 2013, tourism officials said on Sunday.

The Angkor Wat temple welcomed about 2.23 million international visitors in the year, up 8 percent year-on-year, according to Chhoeuy Chhorn, administration chief of the Siem Reap provincial tourism department.

He said South Korea, China, Vietnam, Japan and Thailand are the largest sources of foreign arrivals to the 12th century temple in northwestern Siem Reap Province.

The Angkor Archeological Park, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1992, is the kingdom's largest tourist destination.

"The exceptional beauty of the temple has attracted more and more visitors from year to year," he told *Xinhua*, predicting further growth this year thanks to broader promotion. Meanwhile, the Preah Vihear temple reported a 49 percent surge in foreign tourists in 2013.

You Sovan, deputy chief of the Preah Vihear provincial department, said some 10,650 foreigners visited the 11th century temple in the year, up 49 percent year-on-year.

He attributed the remarkable increase in foreigners to the temple to the temple's world heritage status and good security and safety. — *Xinhua*

WORLD

Russia says militants seized with bomb in south

Moscow, 12 Jan — Five members of a banned militant group were arrested in southern Russia on Saturday and a homemade bomb packed with shrapnel was defused, in another security scare weeks before the Winter Olympics in Sochi. Islamist militants have threatened to attack the games and suicide bombers killed at least 34 people last month in Volgograd, also in southern Russia.

President Vladimir Putin, who has staked his political and personal prestige on the success of the Olympics, has ordered safety measures beefed up nationwide after the attacks.

Russia's National Anti-terrorism Committee (NAC) said the latest arrests were in Nalchik, a town about 300 km (190 miles) from Sochi in the Caucasus region, where insurgents want to carve out an Islamic state.

"Security forces have detained five members of a banned international terrorist organization," the NAC said in a statement received by Russian news agencies. An NAC spokesman confirmed the statement to *Reuters*.—*Reuters*

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara exchange national soccer team shirts in Abidjan, Ivoary Coast, on 10 Jan, 2014. Japan and the Ivory Coast play each other in their World Cup campaigns on 14 June. — Kyodo News

EU's Ashton invited to visit Iran

Teheran, 12 Jan — Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad- Javad Zarif has invited the European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton to visit Teheran, an Iranian official announced on Saturday.

"Mrs Ashton has received an open invitation from Mr. Zarif to travel to Iran at any time she wants," Abbas Araqchi, Iranian deputy Foreign Minister and top nuclear negotiator, was quoted as saying by semi-official *Mehr* news agency.

Araqchi said that his two-day talks with Helga Schmid, deputy of Catherine Ashton, which concluded on Friday in Geneva "were serious and were carried out in an atmosphere of mutual understanding."

"Solutions for three remaining disagreements have been found, but the capitals should decide on them" before they take effect, said Araqchi.

He added that in case of any rejection of the solutions, Iran and the powers will arrange other meetings for further discussions. Iran and the EU held a meeting in Geneva on Thursday and Friday to discuss remaining issues pertaining to the implementation of an interim nuclear deal clinched between Teheran and the major world powers in November.

Under the interim nuclear deal, Iran agreed to curb parts of its nuclear program for six months in return for limited relief of western and international sanctions against the country. Nuclear experts from Iran and the six powers have held three rounds of talks to resolve various technical issues before the Geneva deal can be put into place. — *Xinhua*

Chinese ski instructors attract compatriots to Swiss resorts

Grindelwand, (Switzerland), 12 Jan — China's wealthy have long flocked to Switzerland for the watches, chocolate and scenery. Now the Alpine country is marketing another national symbol to the Chinese — skiing. Switzerland is training eight Chinese ski instructors and placing them in St. Moritz, Davos, Zermatt, Gstaad and other resorts for the ski season to teach Chinese tourists, in their own language and with Chinese savoir faire.

With the number of winter overnight stays from Chinese travellers in mountainous regions expected to double by 2017, the Swiss Tourism office said it hoped the instructors would help make Swiss pistes more appealing to Chinese tourists.

In the resort of Grindelwald, 26-year-old Xu Zhongxing, one of the instructors taking part in the program, said the winter sport was gaining in popularity among affluent Chinese.

"In China, we play cards or mahjong in winter, but more and more people want to do outdoor sports and are discovering skiing," Xu told *Reuters*. "The lifestyle — the clothes, the accessories — are also very fashionable among younger people." With its alpine resorts and luxury shopping options, Switzerland is already a favoured destination for Asian visitors, who tend to stay longer and spend more than their European counterparts. Swiss tourism officials hope the Swiss-schooled Chinese ski teachers will, back home, become ambassadors for Switzerland's winter tourism industry.

Xu said his home, Chongli County, which is three hours from Beijing, already has four ski resorts in operation and is planning to construct a few more. The training programme should show Chinese visitors there is more to Switzerland than the chocolate, Xu said. "Here in Grindelwald, after Christmas day, it seemed everybody went out to ski or snowboard or do other sports," Xu said, adding he saw children as young as young as two learning to ski. "These kinds of things really moved me. It's not just winter sports, it's your culture here."

Reuters

Chinese ski instructor Xu Zhongxing poses on the Kleine Scheidegg in front of the Eiger north face in the ski resort of the Jungfrau region on 8 Jan, 2014. Reuters

Renoir bought for $7 at W Virginia flea market ordered returned to museum

Alexandria, (Virginia), 12 Jan — A napkin-size Renoir painting bought for $7 at a flea market but valued at up to $100,000 must be returned to the museum it was stolen from in 1951, a federal judge ordered on Friday. The 1879 Impressionist painting "Paysage Bords de Seine," dashed off for his mistress by Pierre-Auguste Renoir at a riverside restaurant, has been at the centre of a legal tug-of-war between Marcia "Martha" Fuqua, a former physical education teacher from Lovettsville, Virginia, and the Baltimore Museum of Art in Maryland.

Judge Leonie Brinkema, in a hearing in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dismissed Fuqua's claim of ownership, noting that a property title cannot be transferred if it resulted from a theft. "The museum has put forth an extensive amount of documentary evidence that the painting was stolen," Brinkema said, citing a 1951 police report and museum records. "All the evidence is on the Baltimore museum's side. You still have no evidence — no evidence — that this wasn't stolen," said Brinkema to Fuqua's attorney before ruling in favour of the museum.

Fuqua bought the unsigned "Paysage Bords de Seine," or "Landscape on the Banks of the Seine," at a Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, flea market in late 2009 because she liked the frame, she said in a court filing. She paid $7 for the painting, along with a box of trinkets. Although the frame carried the nameplate "Renoir 1841-1919," Fuqua was unaware the 5-1/2-by-9-inch oil painting was genuine and stored it in a garbage bag for 2-1/2 years, she said.

Her mother, an art teacher and painter, urged her in July 2012 to get the painting appraised. Fuqua took it to the Potomack Co, an Alexandria, Virginia, auction house, which verified it was as an authentic Renoir. After media reports about the painting, the Baltimore Museum of Art said in September 2012 it had been stolen while on loan to it. The Federal Bureau of Investigation then took custody of it. What happened to the painting in the time after the theft in November 1951 and the time it surfaced at a flea market is not known.

Reuters

Marla Diaz, attorney for the Baltimore Museum of Art, speaks to the media outside of the US District Court in Alexandria, Virginia on 10 Jan, 2014. Reuters

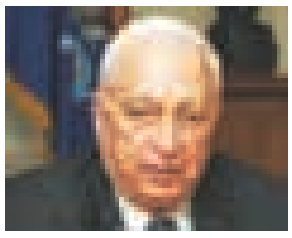
Former Israeli Prime Minister Sharon dies

Jerusalem, 12 Jan — Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon died on Saturday at a hospital near Tel Aviv eight years after a stroke left him comatose, Israeli media reported. He was 85.

The Jerusalem Post reported that Sharon died at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, days after his condition deteriorated dramatically. Sharon had been in a coma since suffering a massive stroke in January 2006 while in office. He entered politics in 1973 after a distinguished, if controversial, military career.

After being elected prime minister in 2001, he mounted invasions into Palestinian communities. Under a unilateral disengagement policy, Sharon controversially withdrew Israeli troops and settlers from occupied territories in Gaza and the West Bank in 2005, despite opposition from fellow members of his Likud Party.

Amid growing dissent, he left the party later that year and formed the centrist Kadima party. After his stroke, his deputy, Ehud Olmert, took over as interim leader, and Kadima went on to win the 2006 election under Olmert's leadership—*Kyodo News*



Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

BUSINESS & HEALTH

France's Total to invest in Britain's shale gas quest

View of the logo of French oil giant Total in front of the oil refinery of Donges, near Nantes, on 20 Dec, 2013.— REUTERS

LONDON, 12 Jan — Total (TOTF.PA) is set to become the first major oil company to invest in Britain's nascent shale gas industry, boosting the industry's profile in a country seen as one of Europe's strongest prospects for unconventional oil and gas development.

The French group is set to commit 30 million pounds ($50 million) to drilling for shale gas in Lincolnshire, in central England, sources familiar with the matter told *Reuters*. A Total spokesman would not confirm any details, but said an announcement would be made on Monday.

The investment is tiny in oil industry terms - and especially small in the context of the tens of billions of dollars spent every year by Total, one of the world's top five investor-controlled oil and gas groups.

However, having such a large player as a partner will be a feather in the cap of industry minnows Dart Energy (DTE.AX), Egdon Resources (EGRE.L), IGas (IGAS.L) and eCORP, with which Total will partner on two exploration licenses. The news will also allow Britain's coalition government to argue that its incentives for developing unconventional oil and gas reserves are working.

"It's hardly a drop in the pond really, but the government wants to get shale going and having the big boys in there helps," said Andrew Monk, chief executive of the resources-focused investment bank VSA Capital.

A new set of UK land auctions next year could be pivotal, he said, adding: "We'll see more deals and a bit more positioning between now and then".

Geological studies show Britain to have large shale reserves, which could reverse a rising dependency on energy imports, but more drilling is needed to see whether the deposits are economical. Britain's government has thrown its weight behind shale gas exploration despite strong local and environmental opposition to the controversial extraction practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking — one of the techniques used to develop shale and unconventional gas blocks.

Along with a handful of other countries including Poland, the UK is seen as a test case for the prospects of unconventional gas and oil development in relatively crowded, wealthy, post-industrial western Europe.

Reuters

US FDA approves two-drug combination for advanced melanoma

WASHINGTON, 12 Jan — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said Friday it approved a two-drug combination for the treatment of advanced melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

The safety and effectiveness of Mekinist (trametinib) in combination with Tafinlar (dabrafenib) were demonstrated in a clinical trial of 162 participants with melanoma that is late- stage or cannot be removed by surgery, the FDA said.

They are specifically indicated as a combination therapy for melanoma patients with gene mutations called BRAF V600E and V600K, it said.

Both drugs were approved last year for single-agent use.

"Mekinist and Tafinlar are the first drugs approved for combination treatment of melanoma," said Richard Pazdur, director of the Office of Hematology and Oncology Products in the FDA's Centre for Drug Evaluation and Research, in a statement.

"Their development for combination use is based on the strong understanding of the biological pathways of the disease," Pazdur said.

According to the FDA, melanoma is the most aggressive type of skin cancer and the leading cause of death from skin disease.

The US National Cancer Institute estimated that 76,690 Americans would be diagnosed with melanoma and 9,480 would die from the disease in 2013.

Xinhua

Price war in US mobile market raises fear of profit hemorrhage

Signage for a T-Mobile store is pictured in downtown Los Angeles, California on 31 Aug, 2011.
REUTERS

NEW YORK, 12 Jan — New Year's rivalry among US mobile operators has Wall Street worried that the industry's profits could seriously decline.

After months of aggressive moves by T-Mobile US to lure customers from other carriers, No 2 operator AT&T Inc counter-attacked on 3 January by offering to pay consumers to switch from T-Mobile.

Days later, No 3 ranked Sprint Corp promised big discounts for family and friend groups. On Wednesday, T-Mobile upped the ante, saying it would pay hefty exit costs for converts.

The moves by Sprint and AT&T come after No 4 US operator T-Mobile, a long-time industry straggler, was able to report three full quarters of customer growth after four years of losses.

While discounts are always welcomed by consumers, the intensifying competition is a new challenge to a US industry long used to imposing its will on consumers, and analysts fear it could result in the loss of billions of dollars of revenue.

Investors had hoped AT&T and market leader Verizon Wireless would be able to shrug off T-Mobile's moves, since they already control about two-thirds of the market.

Reuters

Parent involvement can help kids get more active

For children six to 10 years old, their most active period of the day is lunch time.

NEW YORK, 12 Jan — Very few kids get the amount of physical activity they need every day, but a new study from Canada finds that parental support may be the key to getting kids moving.

"Currently less than 10 percent of children accumulate the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (approximately equivalent to 13,500 steps per day) at least six days per week," Kerry Vander Ploeg told *Reuters Health* by email.

Vander Ploeg, who led the new study, is with the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

"We previously demonstrated that physical activity levels are lower on weekend days than on weekdays," she said.

Low levels of physical activity are concerning because insufficient physical activity is one of the greatest risk factors for overweight and obesity, Vander Ploeg said. Vander Ploeg and colleagues sent surveys and pedometers to 1,355 Alberta fifth graders and their parents in the spring of 2009 and 2011.

The parents were asked to rate how much they cared about exercising, how much they encouraged their children to be active and how often they exercised with their kids. The children wore the pedometers to count their steps as a measure of their physical activity levels over a nine-day period.

In general, the daily step counts were higher on school days than on weekends and boys were more active than girls. The kids whose parents encouraged physical activity were more active, although parents tended to encourage boys more than the girls, the researchers note in their report, published in *BMC Public Health.*

Parents who said they cared about physical activity were more likely to have sons and to be active on weekends, and kids were more active when their parents were active with them.

"Parents play an important role in shaping the behaviors of their children, and therefore their belief in and support for physical activity may help to increase physical activity levels among children," Vander Ploeg said.

Reuters

Sacyr says has $574 million at stake in Panama contract

MADRID, 12 Jan — Sacyr (SCYR.MC), the Spanish building company leading a consortium to expand the Panama Canal, said it risks losing $574 million in guarantees and advance payments if a spat over cost overruns at the multi-billion dollar project is not resolved.

In an 8-page document sent on Friday to Spain's stock market regulator but which had not been made public until Saturday, the firm also detailed for the first time its claims of $1.6 billion in extra costs and said the canal extension would not be completed until 30 June, 2015 at the earliest.

The consortium warned earlier this month it would halt work from 20 January on a third set of locks for the century-old waterway, one of the world's largest building contracts, unless the Panama Canal Authority footed the bill.

In an interview with *Reuters*, Sacyr Chairman Manuel Manrique on Friday played down the row and said the company was making progress in talks with the canal operator over financing to avoid a damaging work stoppage.

Sacyr said the guarantees it provided on the contract were worth $445.5 million as of December 31, 2013 and it had also made advance payments worth $128.4 million.

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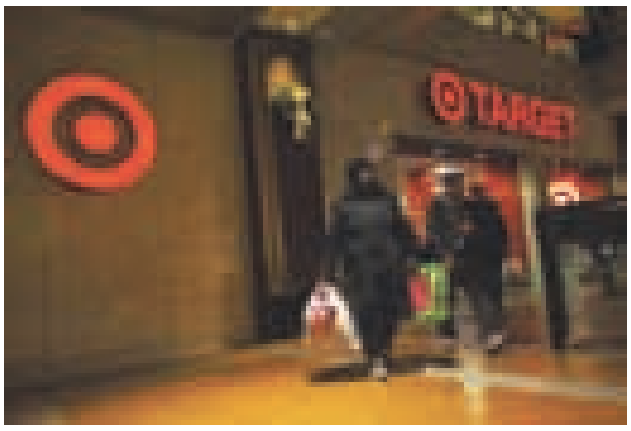

People shop at a Target store during Black Friday sales in the Brooklyn borough of New York, in this 29 Nov, 2013, file photo.—REUTERS

More well-known US retailers victims of cyber attacks

BOSTON, 12 Jan — Target Corp and Neiman Marcus are not the only US retailers whose networks were breached over the holiday shopping season last year, according to sources familiar with attacks on other merchants that have yet to be publicly disclosed.

Smaller breaches on at least three other well-known US retailers took place and were conducted using similar techniques as the one on Target, according to the people familiar with the attacks. Those breaches have yet to come to light. Also, similar breaches may have occurred earlier last year.

The sources said that they involved retailers with outlets in malls, but declined to elaborate. They also said that while they suspect the perpetrators may be the same as those who launched the Target attack, they cannot be sure because they are still trying to find the culprits behind all of the security breaches.

Law enforcement sources have said they suspect the ring leaders are from Eastern Europe, which is where most big cyber crime cases have been hatched over the past decade.

Only one well-known retailer, Neiman Marcus, has said that they too have been victim of a cyber attack since Target's 19 December disclosure that some 40 million payment card numbers had been stolen in a cyber attack. On Friday, Target said the data breach was worse than initially thought.

An investigation found that hackers stole the personal information of at least 70 million customers, including names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. Neiman Marcus said it was not sure if the breach was related to the Target incident.

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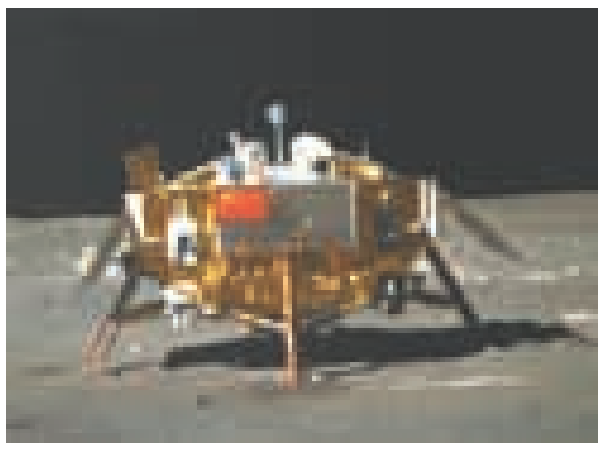

Photo taken by the panoramic camera on the Yutu moon rover on 22 Dec, 2013 shows the Chang'e-3 moon lander during Chang'e-3 lunar probe mission's first lunar day circle. Chinese Academy of Sciences released a group of photos of the moonscape by the cameras on China's lunar probe Chang'e-3 Friday. Chang'e-3, with the country's first moon rover onboard, landed on the moon on 14 Dec, 2013, marking the first time that China has sent a spacecraft to soft land on the surface of an extraterrestrial body.
XINHUA

China's space policy open to world

BEIJING, 12 Jan — Xu Dazhe, the new chief of China's space industry, is seeking more international cooperation in Washington less than a month after his country's first successful soft landing on the moon.

Xu said China's space policy has always been very open. "We are willing to cooperate with all the countries in the world, including the United States and developing countries," he said on Thursday on the sidelines of the International Space Exploration Forum held at the US State Department.

A space scientist by training, Xu was promoted less than three weeks ago to head the China National Space Administration. Previously, he led China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp.

Xu said that his attending the meeting shortly after taking the new job was meant to send a signal to all his counterparts worldwide that China is willing to strengthen its cooperation with other nations.

Recently, China has been working with Russia and the European Union on space exploration, and the EU participated in the observation of China's moon landing.

China has also been launching satellites for other nations, including sending into orbit a telecommunications satellite for Bolivia on 21 December.

However, cooperation between China and US space agency NASA has been hampered by an exclusionary law passed by the US Congress in 2011. It prohibits NASA from using its funds to host Chinese visitors at NASA facilities, citing security concerns, and also prohibits NASA from working bilaterally with Chinese nationals affiliated with a Chinese government entity or enterprise.

Xu praised the US for its advanced space technology and said China has cooperated with NASA before but it came to a halt after the law was passed.

He said that the US invitation of China to the forum, and his participation, have sent a positive signal.

Xu was also expected to attend a summit of heads of space agencies on Friday in Washington addressing exploration. The summit was organized by the International Academy of Astronautics.

China was in the spotlight at the Thursday forum, which gathered ministers and high-level officials from some 35 spacefaring nations to talk about the opportunities and challenges in space exploration.

US Deputy Secretary of State William Burns lauded China for becoming, in 2013, the third country in the world to complete a successful landing on the moon.

Other major events in the past year included India's launch of its Mars Orbiter Mission and the US' *Voyager I*, which became the first man-made object to leave the solar system and enter interstellar space.

Burns emphasized the importance of international cooperation in space exploration.

"The question facing us today is whether we can muster the courage and political will to advance space exploration and ensure that cooperation continues to trump competition," he said at the forum.—*Xinhua*

Visitors look at devices at Accenture stand at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 26 Feb, 2013 file photo. —REUTERS

Accenture named lead contractor for Obamacare website

WASHINGTON, 12 Jan — Accenture has been chosen to replace CGI Federal as the lead contractor for the Obamacare enrollment website, which failed to work when it launched in October for millions of Americans shopping for health insurance, the US Centres for Medicare and Medicaid Services said on Saturday.

CGI Federal, a subsidiary of CGI Group, built the website, HealthCare.gov, which was plagued by error messages and slow speeds for weeks after the launch. The glitches created a political crisis for President Barack Obama, threatening the roll-out of his signature healthcare law and emboldening Republican foes to call for its repeal.

"As CMS moves forward in our efforts to help consumers access quality, affordable health coverage, we have selected Accenture to become the lead contractor for the HealthCare.gov portal and to prepare for next year's open enrollment period," the agency said in a statement. CGI Federal said on Friday that its contract, which was originally awarded in 2011 and is scheduled to end 28 February, would not be renewed.

Accenture said the contract was worth $45 million for the initial phase of the project, and the Washington Post reported that the final value of the one-year contract would be about $90 million.

"Accenture will bring deep healthcare industry insight as well as proven experience building large-scale, public-facing websites to continue improving HealthCare.gov," David Moskovitz, chief executive of Accenture Federal Services, said in a statement.

Obama has said the fiasco with the website has made him want to overhaul the way the federal government buys technology services. Critics say the system favors large, established contractors such as CGI.

Reuters

China succeeds in first-time 300-metre saturation diving

SHENZHEN, 12 Jan— China succeeded in its first 300-metre saturation diving on Sunday morning as three divers returned safe and sound from deep water to the living chamber on the ship.

The diving bell actually reached 313.5 metres deep under the South China Sea, according to Guo Jie, on-site chief director of the experiment.

The three divers, Hu Jian, Guan Meng and Dong Meng returned to the deck of the ship at 5:09 am on Sunday.

The saturation diving technology enables human beings to withhold high deep water pressure by saturating the inert gas in human tissue fluid, according to Guo.

Three other Chinese divers planned to try again at 8 am on Sunday and are expected to return to the living chamber at about 2 pm and stay there until 24 Jan to let the inert gas in their tissue fluid to return to normal pressure, said Shen Hao, director of Shanghai rescue and salvage centre.

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A wise judgment

If we lack knowledge on spending money wisely it is clear that we cannot get rich. However good our income is, our wealth will be drained off in the end if we cannot strike a balance between income and expenditure.

More importantly, we must know the difference between wastefulness and carefulness in spending money. What we spend must be beneficial to us in one way or another. Using so much money on unnecessary or unbeneficial things actually is an act of squandering. In many cases we waste a lot just to fulfill our own desire without seriously taking into account the economic or social losses that follow.

Accordingly, we must know what sort of things are really useful, beneficial and essential most in our life, and concentrate on getting them meaning that we must not be hesitant but be prudent and decisive in throwing money on them. But people of different walks will have different fundamental needs and wants. For example, the most essential requirements for a farmer will be land and farm equipment while workshops and tools are for mechanics. On the other hand, laptop computers and mobile phones are the most important accessories for business persons and media persons.

Here, the question is "to what extent we really need them?" That depends on the volume of our work, and the position we are holding. It will be uneconomic if we have more than what we really need. Then again, our progress of work will be slow and other disadvantages will also follow, if we do not have enough of these necessities. So, what we need in life is a wise judgment in doing everything including spending money on essential things.

Marble Hill Range of Sagyin

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

(continued from yesterday)

Myanmar chronicle "Konbaung set Maha Yazawuntawgyi [the great history of the second Konbaung dynasty] records in detail the account of this Image it says that" altogether 5260 devotees took part in the transportation of the heavy load of monolith Image-4400 servicemen and 860 boatmen. The marble Image measures over 11 cubits in height, over 4 cubits of diameter between the two knees 8 cubits in circumference of the head and over 4 cubits in the width of the arm. Bagyidaw's nephew Prince Bagan succeeded him. He reigned 7 years [1846-1853 A.D]. King Bagan moved his capital from Inwa, back to Amarapura. With him he moved the great marble Image to Amarapura. By the side of a great natural lake "Taung Tha Man In" not far from the capital, a beautiful Temple modelled on Ananda Temple at old Bagan was built in which the marble Image was housed. Because the Image was enshrined by the side of Taung Tha Man Lake, the public call it "Taung Tha Man Kyauk Taw Gyi Phaya [Great Stone Buddha Image at Taung Tha Man In]. But its official name is "Maha Thet Kya Yanthi, literally meaning "The great Light of Setkya Muni Buddha". The Temple itself is an art gallery of a sort. Beautiful frescoes adorning the interiors depict history of the Image, pagodas and monuments of the time, life style of the people, as well as locations of planets, and constellations according to Myanmar astronomy.

(4) Maha Thetkya Marazein is sheltered in a uniquely designed temple at the foot of Mandalay Hill. There are two famous pagodas of historic importance namely Maha Loka Marazein and Sanda Muni in the vicinity. The history of this Image tells us that Prince Mindon, during his sojourn at Sagyin Village, found a gigantic stone on the hill. He made a wish that if he became King, he would sculpt it into a Buddha Image when he became king in 1853 he fulfilled his promise. Two reputed stone sculptor of that time U Toke Kyi and U Pike Htwe were assigned by royal order to carve the stone into a sitting Buddha Image. The two master sculptors with their 30 apprentices accomplished the task. In the said chronicle mentioned above, a detail account of the conveying of the big stone from the hill and carrying it on a specially build-bamboo raft, floated down on a special dug double canal during heavy monsoon, till it reached the tributary of the Ayeyawaddy River and from there the load was pulled by His Majesty's steam ship "Mya Nan Setkya" to the site where it was fashioned into sitting Buddha Image, how King Mindon daily received the report of the progress of wake by a telegraphic line between his place and the Sagyin marble hills. The account inspires us and makes us marvel at the ingenuity of the then Myanmar engineers and managing skill of the king and his men.

When the big Image was completed, a grand ceremony of consecrating the Image was performed on May 16, 1865, King Mindon came out in state from his palace to the Image. It was a grand royal pageant, six battalions at the front and six battalions in the real, featuring four elements of Myanmar traditional army such as infantry of swords men, spears men, lancers and archers, cavalry, elephantry, charioltry plus, gunnery and artillery. His majesty the king was carried either in palanquin, on hones, on elephant or in chariot but not mentioned in the account when he reached, the king personally complete the face of the Image and a grand consecration of the Image was held according to traditional religious rites naming the Image " Maha Thet Kya Marazein [The Buddha of Sakya race, the Great victor of Mara the evil opponent]. The enlarged reproductions of the 12 original pictorial records of this royal pageant, done on folding papers called "yaungsone parabikes" by court painter Saya Chone may be viewed in a zayat [pavilion] on the eastern side of the Temple.

The Sagyin marble Image and its pedestal are of one piece weighting 180 tons. The Image itself is 27 feet high, The length of the face from the forehead band to the chin is 6.75 feet. Other parts of the Image are in good proportion to the face. The image was sculpted in correct ratio of Buddha Image as prescribed in Buddhist iconography. How large the image is, can be gauged from the fact that one can comfortably lie down in the plan of its folded left hand.

Regarding the temple which shelters the image, King Mindon intended to construct it on the model of Ananda Temple at old Bagan. But his intention was frustrated by the outbreak of Myingun rebellion in 1866. Present roof of a special design was donated by Shan Chief of Yaunghwe. In the spacious precinct are figures of 80 arahat disciples of the Buddha arranged around the central shrine, 20 on each side.

Geologists notice some unique qualities of this image the marble is almost flowless—there are only two small negligible blemishes—very unusual for a marble stone of super dimension. According to stone sculptors, it has five varieties of grain, three white grains and two black grains, which are easily visible on the image. Mandalay people call it Mandalay Kyauk Taw Gyi Phaya [Big stone Buddha Image of Mandalay] to differentiate it from Taung Tha Man Kyauk Tawgyi Phaya on the bank of Lake Taung Tha Man in Amarapura.

Continuing from the date of its completion in 1865, this marble image today [2014] is 149 years old. Luckily it escaped natural calamities, human vandalism and ravages of the Second World War. But 80 Sagyin marble images of 80 arahat dispciple images were stolen and taken abroad. Mahaskyamarazein Image receives daily veneration of pilgrims and admiration of international tourists. The image is in the queue for entry into UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List.

Dear Readers, please wait for a separate article on the latest and largest Sagyin marble Buddha Image Loka Chan Tha, Abaya Labba Muni enshrined in a big Temple on the hillock Min Dhammagone, Insein, Yangon.

Myanmar Ambassador meets Crown Prince of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan— After completing of his tenure as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand, U Tin Win had the audience with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn as Representative of His Majesty the King of Thailand on 16 December 2013.

During the meeting, the Myanmar Ambassador conveyed the best wishes extended by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for good health and personal well-being of His Majesty the King of Thailand for good health and happiness on the occasion of His Majesty's 86th birthday. The Ambassador also expressed appreciation for the participation HRH Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana, daughter of His Royal Highness Crown Prince, at the equestrian event of the 27th SEA Games, held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. He also exchanged views with the Crown Prince on the matters of growing cooperation between the two countries not only in the political, economic and social spheres but also in sports, culture, defence and relations between the parliaments of the two countries.—*MNA*

***Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win shakes hands with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn.*—MNA**

YCDC honours outstanding students

YANGON, 12 Jan—The ceremony to honour outstanding students of staff from Yangon City Development Committee was held at the hall of No. 2 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon West District, on 11 January.

Those students from Lanmadaw Township passed the matriculation examination in 2013 academic year.

Chairman of YCDC Mayor U Hla Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Tin Shwe and guests attended the ceremony.

A total of 261 students passed the matriculation examination with flying colours.

Of them, 11 students won six distinctions and 36 five distinctions.

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The top in Lanmadaw Township secured the ninth position in the matriculation exam the whole nation this year.

The ceremony was for the third time of the township with the aim of developing education standard of the students.

MMAL-Khin Hsaing

Globetrotters prefer to pay visit to Maha Zedi Pagoda in Bago

BAGO, 12 Jan—Not only local pilgrims but globetrotters pay homage to Maha Zedi Pagoda in Bago of Bago Region.

The number of tourists paying homage to Maha Zedi Pagoda hit the highest this year during the period from 2011 to 2013, according to the Pagoda Board of Trustees. The tourists took photos on pagodas and stupas, symbols of town and heritage of the region and visited Mazin Dam, Zalethtaw Dam and International Hanthawady Airport on their visits.

On arrival at the pagoda, the globetrotters bought sculptures, statues, paintings and grafts of Myanmar traditional Thanakha.

Maha Zedi Pagoda is 333 feet high. The pilgrims may climb onto the pagoda through eight passages.

MMAL-Thu Lin (Hanthamyay)

Voluntary Affairs

Red Cross members join drill, first aid contest

MYEIK, 12 Jan—The School Red Cross Brigades competed in the drill and first aid contest at Basic Education High School No. 1 in Myeik on 11 January morning. It was jointly conducted by Township Red Cross Brigade and Township Education Department.

The Red Cross members demonstrated on rescue for an emergency patient. A total of 504 members of Red Cross Brigade from 42 teams of Basic Education Middle and High Schools participated in the contest, supervised by Assistant Township Education Officer U Hla Myint and staff and Taninthayi Region Red Cross Brigade Staff Officer Grade II Daw Aye Aye Than.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Fire fighters honoured in Kangyidaunt Township

KANGYIDAUNT, 12 Jan—A ceremony to honour those who actively took part in the putting out of fire that broke out in Daka Village Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, was held at the library in Daka on 10 January.

Kangyidaunt Township MP of Region Hluttaw U Chit Lwin and Township Administrator U Myint Sein praised the participants for their efforts.

The Region Hluttaw MP presented cash award to members of Fire Brigade through Assistant Head of the Township Fire Services Department U Kyaw Zeya.

Township Administrator U Myint Sein presented certificates of honour to those those actively took part in the putting out of fire.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Htongyi Village of Singu Township free from bank erosion

SINGU, 12 Jan—Htongyi village of Singu Township is formed with 500 houses in three villages, one basic education high school, one station hospital, one police outpost, brokerage and shops.

"In the past, the local farmers went to Mandalay and Shwebo for trading of commodities and bought personal and household goods at high prices on our return. Transport charge was high so our business was not in conformity with economic effectiveness. Now, we have easy access to a brokerage at Htongyi Village. We can buy solar panels at the shops. As a result, our village can be illuminated," said a farmer.

Since 45 years, Htongyi Village had faced natural disaster due to bank erosion.

Now, the village is free from erosion because a sandbank emerged there to protect the village.

At present, Mandalay Region government plans to construct a soil-filled road across the sandbank to Htongyi Village.

As such, the local people can enjoy fruits of better transport and swift flow of commodity in the future.

MMAL-433

Rural road construction supervised in Singu Township

SINGU, 12 Jan—Director of Mandalay Region Development Affairs Department U Hsan Maw Khin and Superintending Engineer U Aung Myint Soe met officials at Singu Township DAC on 9 January.

They inspected progress of 3.5 miles long Shwep. yi-Taungin-Htongyi rural road with the use of heavy machinery. The director gave instructions on construction of one more bridge between Shwepyi and Taungin villages and upgrading of Kaingchaung Bridge.

Mandalay Region Government has allotted K 495.74 million on construction of Shwepyi-Taungin-Htongyi rural road with 11 wooden bridges. The allotted fund will be spent on construction of 3.5 miles long and 18 feet wide earthern section and 3.5 miles long and 12 feet wide road section.

The construction tasks are under a supervisory committee formed by the Mandalay Region government.—*MMAL-433*

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Basque protesters rally in support of ETA prisoners

Thousands of people march take part in a demonstration in Bilbao on 11 Jan, 2014.
REUTERS

BILBAO, 12 Jan — Tens of thousands of protesters marched through the streets of Bilbao in Spain's northern Basque Country on Saturday in support of jailed members of the Basque separatist group ETA, defying a court ban from Madrid. A high court judge had vetoed the march, which was initially organized by prisoners' supporters to call for inmates to be moved to jails closer to their homes.

But two of the region's main political parties — the Basque pro-independence party Bildu and the more moderate nationalist PNV (Partido Nacionalista Vasco) - joined forces to restyle the rally as a march for "human rights, understanding and peace". The treatment of ETA prisoners is an awkward one for the Madrid government, which would be certain to anger victims' associations if it made any concessions to the prisoners.

ETA — or Euskadi Ta Askatasuna, which means Basque Homeland and Freedom in Basque — is accused of killing more than 800 people over more than four decades, many with car bombs. However, the group called a ceasefire in 2011, and speculation has grown that it might soon announce a full disarmament. "This is a unique opportunity to show the world our desire for peace and the obstacles that the Spanish government is putting in the way," said Jose Mari Agirre, 55, at the march.

ETA prisoners' demands to see out their jail terms in the Basque Country could advance after they said last month they would recognize Spain's criminal justice system. In a statement, the prisoners also acknowledged the pain caused by decades of violence. The group has already been significantly weakened by hundreds of arrests in both Spain and France as well as a decline in political and social support in the Basque Country. About 600 ETA members are in prison in Spain.—*Reuters*

People gather on debris of a burnt scrap market in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 11 Jan, 2014. At least one person was killed, four others injured and about 120 shops burnt as a fire happened in the market in Peshawar on Saturday, local media reported.—XINHUA

Permit to hunt endangered rhino sells for $350,000 despite protests

AUSTIN, 12 Jan — A permit to hunt a black rhino in Namibia sold for $350,000 at an auction in Dallas on Saturday with proceeds going to protect the endangered animals despite protests from animal rights groups that saw the sale as immoral conservation. The license allows for the killing of a single, post-breeding bull, with Namibian wildlife officials on hand for the hunt to make sure an appropriate animal is selected.

The Dallas Safari Club had been expecting the permit to bring $250,000 to $1 million at an auction held during its annual convention. The hunt will help in managing the population and provide an underfunded Namibian government hard cash in the expensive battle to thwart poachers, it said.

"Biologists in Namibia were hopeful that a US-based auction would produce a record amount for rhino conservation, and that's exactly what happened," said club Executive Director Ben Carter. "These bulls no longer contribute to the growth of the population and are in a lot of ways detrimental to the growth of the population because black rhinos are very aggressive and territorial. In many cases, they will kill younger, non-breeding bulls and have been known to kill calves and cows," Carter said this week

More than 75,000 people signed an online petition at www.causes.com to stop the sale, saying black rhinos cannot be protected if they are allowed to be killed. There are about 25,000 rhinos in Africa — 20,000 white rhinos and 5,000 black rhinos — with the majority in South Africa. Namibia is one of the leading habitats after that.—*Reuters*

60 killed in ongoing clashes in Iraq's Anbar Province

BAGHDAD, 12 Jan — At least 60 people were killed and some 297 others wounded in clashes between the security forces and militant groups over the past two weeks, as the battles continued on Saturday, a local official and a police source said. "Many women and children were among the dead as the clashes and the shelling hit residential areas in the cities of Ramadi and Fallujah," head of Anbar Health Directorate Khudeir Khalaf Shalal told reporters.

The battles between hundreds of Sunni tribesmen backed by the Iraqi security forces and al-Qaeda fighters continued Saturday in the eastern and northeastern districts of Ramadi, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, the tribesmen and the army re-took control of the town of Khaldiyah, and pushed al-Qaeda militants to the edges of the town after several days of fierce clashes, the source said.

More clashes occurred in the town of Garma, some 10 km east of Fallujah, when the security forces and the tribesmen fought al-Qaeda gunmen who control large part of the town, the source added.

In addition, two children were killed and two people wounded in Garma late on Friday night when several mortar rounds landed on residential areas in the town, the source said.

In Fallujah, several mortar rounds struck the al-Askari neighbourhood in the city and wounded two civilians, he added. Separately, Anbar's provincial council voted in the new mayor for the city of Fallujah to replace the former mayor who was shot dead by a sniper shot in central the city on 13 November, a source from Anbar's provincial council told *Xinhua*.

Anbar Province has been the scene of fierce clashes that flared up after Iraqi police dismantled an anti-government protest site outside Ramadi in late December last year.—*Xinhua*

Syrian troops kill 40 rebels in Aleppo

DAMASCUS, 12 Jan — At least 40 rebels were killed on Saturday by the Syrian troops in the country's northern Province of Aleppo, the official *SANA* news agency said.

More than 40 "terrorists," most of whom are foreigners, were killed in a "special operation" carried out by the Syrian regular forces in Retyan village in the northern countryside of Aleppo, said *SANA*.

The rebels have been losing their momentum recently as they have become plagued with infighting between those who showcase themselves as "moderate" rebels and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Friday that the infighting that erupted between rebel groups in Syria have killed 500 people.

The battles started last Friday between various rebel groups and so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), said the Observatory, adding that the death toll includes 85 civilians, 240 rebels from various groups and 157 fighters from the ISIL.

Several Islamist battalions have recently turned against the powerful ISIL, which has recently declared the establishment of an Islamic emirate in Iraq' s Fallujah Province.—*Xinhua*

Fire in China's Shangri-la put out

SHANGRI-LA, (Yunnan), 12 Jan — A fire that started in the early hours of Saturday in an ancient town in Shangri-la, a resort county in southwest China's Yunnan Province, has been completely put out.

The fire broke out at 1:37 am at the Ruyi Inn in the Dukezong Ancient Town, where most houses are made of wood, a factor which added difficulties to firefighting, said a local government spokesman at a Press conference. Investigators have ruled out the possibility of arson, and further investigation is under way.

Around 2,000 people, including local firefighters, soldiers, police and residents, have participated in the rescue work. Over 2,600 people were evacuated from three neighbourhoods of the town. No casualties have been reported. More than 240 houses were damaged and other 43 houses were dismantled so as to prevent the fire from spreading. Apart from the houses, shops and infrastructure facilities, the fire also burned some cultural relics, precious Tibetan thangka and other Tibetan art pieces. The economic loss is being calculated.

As of 6 pm, Department of Finance of Yunnan Province has allocated a relief fund of 5 million yuan(826,000 US dollars) to help with the relocation of the affected local residents and reconstruction work after the fire. Local weather forecast departments said snow is expected on Saturday evening to Sunday.Dukezong, meaning "town of the moon" in Tibetan, was built 1,300 years ago. Known for its well-preserved ancient Tibetan dwellings, it is one of the most renowned resorts in Shangri-la.—*Xinhua*

The cellphone photo taken on 11 Jan, 2014 shows Dukezong Ancient Town after fire, in Shangri-la County, southwest China's Yunnan Province. —XINHUA

Mitsubishi Materials president apologizes for fatal factory blast

TSU, (Japan), 12 Jan — Mitsubishi Materials Corp President Hiroshi Yao apologized on Saturday for the explosion at the company's semiconductor silicon plant this week that killed five maintenance workers.

Mitsubishi Materials Corp President Hiroshi Yao (right), on Saturday apologizes for an explosion that killed five people at the firm's Mie Prefecture plant Thursday, during his first news conference since the accident. — KYODO NEWS

In his first news conference since the accident Thursday in the central Japan city of Yokkaichi, Mie Prefecture, Yao said although the cause of the explosion is still not known, the company will have to review maintenance work safety procedures at the factory.

"The fact that the accident occurred even if (the plant workers) followed the regulations means that there was a flaw" in the regulations themselves, Yao said.

The blast occurred when the cover of a heat exchanger at the plant was removed for cleaning. The plant did not have detailed guidelines as to when the heat exchanger could be opened for cleaning, according to Mitsubishi Materials officials. Workers checked if the heat exchanger was cool enough to open by touching the surface of the equipment, they said.

Yao said a "more scientific method" may have been needed to determine if the heat exchanger was safe for maintenance work.

The company has not decided when to restart suspended operations at the factory, he added. Mitsubishi Materials is one of the three major domestic suppliers of semiconductor silicon.

Kyodo News

Shoppers crowd a shopping mall of Japanese supermarket chain operator Aeon Co in Ho Chi Minh City on 11 Jan, 2014, its opening day. The outlet is Aeon's first in Vietnam. Kyodo News

US conducted biological weapon field tests in Okinawa

TOKYO, 12 Jan — The US Army conducted field experiments of biological weapons in Okinawa in the early 1960s when the southernmost prefecture was still under US rule, according to US documents obtained Saturday by *Kyodo News.*

In the tests conducted at least a dozen times between 1961 and 1962, rice blast fungus was released over rice fields and data was collected on how it affected rice production, the documents made available by US authorities showed. The US government previously had disclosed information about chemical and biological warfare tests at sea and on land in such places as Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Utah.

The United States is believed to have had China and Southeast Asia in mind in developing such crop-harming agents. The US government decided to end all biological weapons programs in 1969. The obtained documents mention test sites including Nago and Shuri, both in Okinawa, but it is not known whether the experiments were conducted within the premises of US bases there.

In the field tests, the army "used a midget duster to release inoculum alongside fields in Okinawa and Taiwan," measuring dosages at different distances and the effect on crop production, the documents said.

A separate document said, "Field tests for stem rust of wheat and rice blast disease were begun at several sites in the (US) midwest and south and in Okinawa with partial success in the accumulation of useful data."

Kyodo News

India says US could have avoided 'mini-crisis,' more to be done

NEW DELHI, 12 Jan — India on Saturday blamed the United States for a "mini crisis" over the arrest and strip search of an Indian envoy, and said more work was needed to repair ties a day after the withdrawal of diplomats seemed to draw a line under the dispute.

Devyani Khobragade, 39, who was India's deputy consul-general in New York, was arrested in December on charges of visa fraud and lying to US authorities about what she paid her housekeeper. Khobragade's arrest and strip-search provoked protests in India and dealt a serious blow to US efforts to strengthen ties.Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid said the United States should have warned senior officials visiting Washington a day before Khobragade's arrest by State Department security in December.

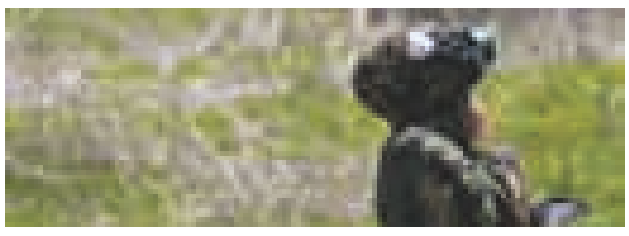
"It wasn't even mentioned," Khurshid told the CNN-IBN television network. He called the row a "mini crisis" and said India should have been given the chance to withdraw Khobragade before she was arrested.

He said the core of the US-Indian relationship was very strong and that he didn't expect lasting damage from what has turned into the biggest rift in years."I think we've found that at least the immediate, immediate concerns have been addressed," Khurshid said. "But there's a lot more still to do."

He did not clarify what else must be done to avoid lasting damage to ties between the countries, who share some $100 billion in annual trade.—*Reuters*

Indian diplomat Devyani Khobragade gives the "namaste'' gesture of greeting next to her father Uttam Khobragade (R) upon her arrival at Maharashtra Sadan state guesthouse in New Delhi on 10 Jan, 2014. REUTERS

South Korea to contribute $867 million for US military forces in 2014



A US soldier participates in a decontamination training against possible chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats at Steel Zenith Field Training Exercise in Yeoncheon, about 65 km (40 miles) north of Seoul, on 16 May, 2013. — REUTERS

SEOUL , 12 Jan — South Korea said on Sunday it had agreed to pay 920 billion won ($866.86 million) in 2014 towards the cost of the US military presence in the country, a rise of 5.8 percent from a year ago.

US and South Korean officials have struck a five-year cost sharing plan for 28,500 US troops in the country after a series of negotiations since early last year.

The deal, subject to South Korean parliament's approval, comes after Washington's decision to send more soldiers and tanks to South Korea next month as part of a military rebalance to Asia after more than a decade of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"The US side had demanded a large-scale hike, considering US Forces Korea's strengthened readiness due to serious security situation in the Korean peninsula and its budget situation, but the government put the utmost efforts and drew agreement to an extent to minimize our burden," South Korea's foreign ministry said in a statement.

Still technically at war with North Korea, Seoul has shouldered part of Washington's cost for stationing its troops since 1991, currently paying for about 40 percent of the cost.— *Reuters*

China to establish real estate registration office

BEIJING, 12 Jan —China will set up a bureau for real estate registration to facilitate property management reform, China's top land and resources regulator said on Saturday.

The establishment of the bureau is designed to improve unified system design for registration as China will spell out related regulations this year, Xu Deming, vice minister of land and resources said at a work-planning meeting.

The unified system on real estate registration will include related regulations, registration and information service platforms, documents and survey standards.

Meanwhile, China will accelerate rural land property surveying and registration and promote stockholding system reform in the countryside, Xu said.

Small cities and towns should highlight real estate registration in their organization and government function reform while big cities should enhance cooperation with related departments and share their experience, the vice minister added. Real estate registration is an essential step if China is to levy property tax. — *Xinhua*

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7. Official Bidding Form shall be available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.(9), Nay Pyi Taw during the office hour from (17-1-2014) to (24-1-2014) in payment of Kyat 10,000 (Kyat ten thousands).
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One dead in Italian Matera building collapse

ROME, 12 Jan — One missing woman was found dead late on Saturday many hours after a residential building collapsed in the Italian ancient city of Matera.

The long search for the missing ended with the recovery of the 31-year-old woman's body, Rai television said. Earlier in the day, rescue teams rescued seven people, digging in the debris with their hands to prevent further collapse.

Among the survivors there was a 57-year-old man who remained in the debris for more than 12 hours.

Local authorities have opened an investigation to ascertain responsibilities, according to *ANSA* news agency. The building reportedly hosted four apartments in the old city centre.

"The whole house was shaking, there was a lot of dust, it looked like an earthquake and thought I would die," a 50-year-old disabled who survived in the collapse was quoted as saying by *ANSA*. Deputy Interior Minister Filippo Bubbico, who arrived in the southern city to monitor the situation, said some "inexperience" in the ongoing works at the ground floor could have caused the accident.

Xinhua

A boy visits the Vinpearl Aquarium Times City in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 11 Jan, 2014. The aquarium, considered the largest in Vietnam, gathering more than 30,000 individuals of thousands of species from "all oceans and continents", many of which appeared for the first time in Vietnam, including penguins, giant spider crabs, nautilus, otters, and moon jellyfish.

XINHUA

Cargo charter flight links NW China, Kazakhstan

YINCHUAN, 12 Jan — A cargo charter flight linking northwest China with Kazakhstan was opened on Saturday with hopes that it can boost development of the Silk Road economic belt spanning the Eurasia continent.

The annual international cargo handling capacity of Hedong International Airport in Yinchuan, capital city of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, will be raised to 4,000 tonnes from the current 200 tonnes.

Huo Hongguang, deputy head of the region's commerce department, said an increase of 300 million U.S. dollars' worth of exports could be expected annually from the direct flight. According to the local airport authority, the flight is jointly sponsored by Chapman Freeborn, a British charter aircraft company, and Ningxia Cargo Airlines.—*Xinhua*

Heilongjiang-Russia trade posts increase amid pessimism

HARBIN, 12 Jan — Trade value between China's northeastern province of Heilongjiang and Russia reached 22.36 billion US dollars in 2013, up 5.8 percent, said the Harbin customs authority on Sunday.

Of the total volume that devoured a quarter of the year's China-Russia trade, the province's imports from Russia accounted for 15.45 billion US dollars, an increase of 34 percent year on year. Meanwhile, exports stood at 6.91 billion US dollars, down 3.3 percent compared with the previous year, registering a cumulative trade deficit of 8.54 billion US dollars.

According to China's General Administration of Customs, China-Russia trade has downshifted, rising only 0.5 percent in January-November. 10 percentage points lower year on year, and concern is growing that trade for the whole year might not grow at all from 2012. —*Xinhua*

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(1)	IFB-164(2013-2014)	7" Liner Hanger and Accessories	(2) Sets	US$
(2)	IFB-165(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGK-4 with Waukesha L-7042 GSI Spares	(14) Items	US$
(3)	IFB-166(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGE-2 with Waukesha F-2895 GSI Spares	(23) Items	US$
(4)	IFB-167(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGK-4 with Waukesha P-9390 GL Spares	(11) Items	US$
(5)	IFB-168(2013-2014)	Cooper MH64 with Waukesha P-9390 GL Spares	(20) Items	US$
(6)	IFB-169(2013-2014)	Cooper MH64 with Waukesha 12 VAT 27 GL Spares	(27) Items	US$
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(9)	IFB-172(2013-2014)	NKK/Kobelco Compressor KJB-2& KB-2 Spares	(24) Items	US$
(10)	IFB-173(2013-2014)	Spares for Hydraulic Mobile Grove Crane	(1) Item	US$
(11)	IFB-174(2013-2014)	Geological Survey Instrument	(1) Item	US$
(12)	IFB-175(2013-2014)	Industrial Chamber Oven and Core Plug Drilling Machine for Applied Research Center	(2) Items	US$
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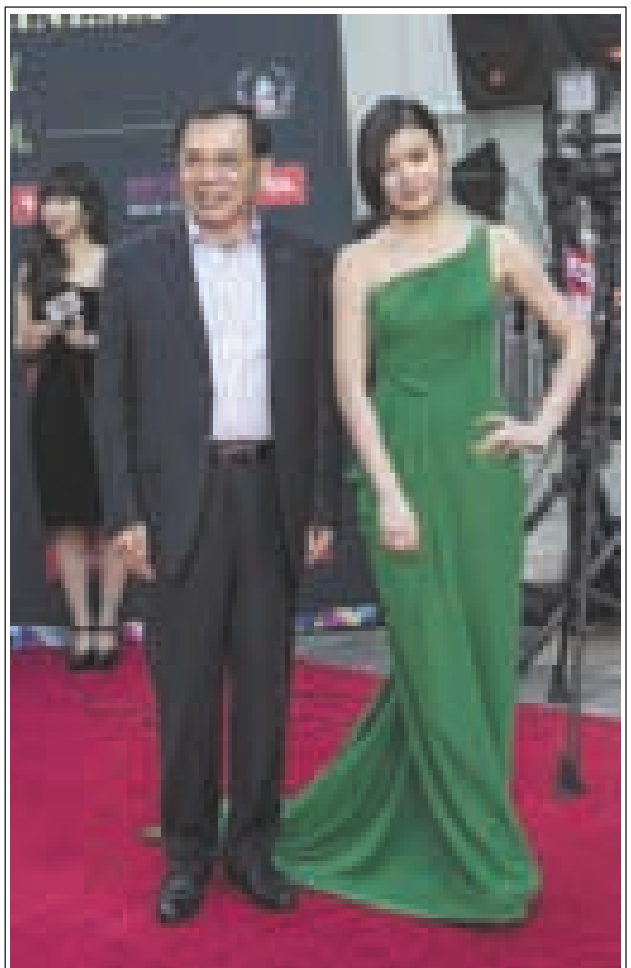


Li Dongsheng (L), TCL chairman and CEO, and actress Michelle Chen arrive for the Hollywood TCL Microcinema Award Ceremony at TCL Chinese Theater in Los Angeles, the United States, on 10 Jan, 2014.
XINHUA

Director Stephen Frears (L) poses with actors Judi Dench and Steve Coogan (R) during a photocall for the movie "Philomena'' during the 70th Venice Film Festival in Venice in this 31 Aug, 2013, file photo.
REUTERS

At 80, the real Philomena works for British film's success

LOS ANGELES, 12 Jan — She is not an actress, but rather an 80-year-old Irish mother and former nurse, crisscrossing Los Angeles in the film awards season for screenings, interviews and even an afternoon tea party.

Philomena Lee takes the hullabaloo with good humour, knowing that the film she inspired — "Philomena" — not only has chances of winning awards but also helping women who, like her, had babies as teens and were forced to give them up.

"It is a challenge because I normally led a very quiet family life when all this happened," said Lee when she stopped by the *Reuters* newsroom this week in her whirlwind schedule.

But now she's fully aware of the power of her story on film.

"I have brought something out that was buried for so long," said Lee, who now lives outside London. "And a lot of women like myself just could not tell the story because you were made to feel so bad about having a baby out of marriage."

Directed by Britain's Stephen Frears and co-written by comedic actor Steve Coogan, "Philomena" is up for a Golden Globe on Sunday for best motion picture drama. Judi Dench, who plays Lee, is a front-runner to win best actress in a drama, while Coogan and Jeff Pope are competing for best adapted screenplay. "Philomena" also received four nominations this week for Britain's top film honours, the BAFTAs.

And its box office performance, $45 million worldwide, is considered buoyant for a film of its modest size. The Weinstein Company, run by impresario Harvey Weinstein and known for its aggressive promotion of films in awards season, has organized a full slate of events this week for "Philomena," as the race for the Oscars on 2 March heats up around the Globes.

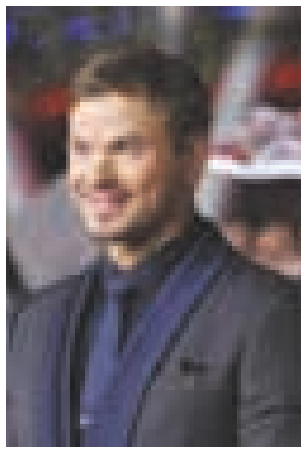
"England is a very small country and a modest country," said Frears, perhaps best known for directing 2006's "The Queen," as he accompanied Lee around town. "You come over here, and the scale of things is amazing. It is very cheeky to come over here with a British film."

Reuters

Kellan Lutz leaves 'Twilight' to explore 'Legend of Hercules'

LOS ANGELES, 12 Jan — Actor Kellan Lutz is shedding the vampire teeth to don the breastplate of Greek demigod Hercules in his newest film, as he leaves the "Twilight" franchise behind to embrace the action genre.

"The Legend of Hercules," in theaters on Friday, will see Lutz exploring the hero's origins. A second film, "Hercules," starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, will focus on the hero later in life, after he completes the legendary 12 labors.



Kellan Lutz

Born to a mortal woman and Zeus, king of the Gods, Lutz's Hercules faces challenges early on in his life from his human father King Amphitryon, who never accepts him as a true son, and his half brother Iphicles, who is jealous of his super strength. Hercules finds himself torn away from his love, Hebe, and sent to war, only to be sold into slavery. "It's the hero's journey — you have the wizard, you have the antagonist, that's the king, and you have the different missions he has to go through and the love interest in Princess Hebe. Story-wise, it's all there, that's what drew me to it," Lutz told *Reuters*.—*Reuters*

Child singing star Jackie Evancho balances school, career

MIAMI, 12 Jan — Three years after a popular TV talent show launched child soprano Jackie Evancho on a meteoric career, she still has no singing coach, can't read music and sticks to a modest rehearsal routine.

As she makes the transition from pre-teen singing sensation to professional artist, Evancho, who turns 14 in April, is seeking to balance her school work — and play time — with a busy concert tour schedule and recording her sixth album. "She has the challenge of going from child star to legitimate artist," said Lisa Evancho, who tours with her daughter, helping to steam-press her dresses before performances and supervising her rehearsal routine.

"It's no longer 'Let's go see the circus freak — the little girl with the grown-up voice.' It's more like wanting her to stand on her own ability and keep the career going in that direction. And, it looks as if it is," she said.—*Reuters*

Actress Jackie Evancho

SPORTS

Moyes can smile at last as United sink Swansea

LONDON, 12 Jan — Manchester United returned to winning ways after three straight defeats with a 2-0 Premier League home victory over Swansea City on Saturday, avenging last week's FA Cup loss to the Welsh club. Without strikers Wayne Rooney and Robin van Persie, United laboured before halftime but Antonio Valencia and Danny Welbeck scored early in the second period to calm any jitters and put a smile back on the face of manager David Moyes.

United remained in seventh place with 37 points from 21 games, nine points behind leaders Chelsea, but victory at least improved the mood at Old Trafford, even if the performance was not memorable. "In the end we got the result we deserved," Moyes, who was charged with misconduct by the FA on Friday for comments he made about officials after Tuesday's League Cup semi-final, first leg defeat at Sunderland, told Sky Sports.

"At halftime I said we had to work a bit harder and make more chances and they (the players) went about their jobs very well." Michael Laudrup's injury-hit Swansea dominated possession with their patient passing style but apart from a Jonjo Shelvey shot easily held by David de Gea they created few chances.

United also struggled, however, with the game looking eerily similar to last Sunday's FA Cup third round tie at Old Trafford that Swansea won 2-1 with a late Wilfried Bony goal.

There was to be no repeat on Saturday though as United, with teenager Adnan Januzaj switched from a central role to the wing at halftime, took the lead two minutes after the interval.

Valencia was on hand to tuck away a rebound after Shinji Kagawa's header was parried by Swansea keeper Gerhard Tremmel.

"Not many have dropped for us in the box lately and sometimes you need that bit of luck," Moyes said. Welbeck glanced in Patrice Evra's shot on the hour to give United daylight and they should have added more goals late on. If Moyes was a relieved man after another week of intense scrutiny he was not showing it, however. Asked how big the victory was, the Scot simply said: "Same size as any other one. All you can get is three points." United visit Chelsea next week when they hope to have Rooney available after a "warm weather" break to heal a groin problem.

Reuters

Manchester United's Nemanja Vidic (L) and Darren Fletcher (R) challenge Swansea City's Wilfried Bony during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 11 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Barca angry after Rosell targeted over Neymar contract

BARCELONA, 12 Jan — Barcelona have reacted angrily to a request by the state prosecutor to open proceedings against club president Sandro Rosell for the alleged misappropriation of funds in last year's purchase of Neymar.

The Brazil forward signed for the Spanish champions in the close season for 57.1 million euros, of which 17.1 million euros went to his former club Santos.

Barca club member Jordi Cases filed a complaint seeking clarification over what happened to the remaining 40 million euros and on Friday the state prosecutor asked the judge overseeing the case to open proceedings against Rosell, who denies wrongdoing.

The judge has yet to rule on the prosecutor's request.

"Barcelona Football Club wishes to express its most energetic indignation about the report by the state prosecutor on the signing of Neymar Da Silva Santos Junior," Barca said in a statement on their website (www.fcbarcelona.es) on Saturday.

"The operation to sign Neymar Da Silva Santos Junior was complex, an example of business engineering, and we have repeatedly expressed the confidential nature of some of its agreements," they added.

"Our rivals were prepared to conduct the same operation for much more money but (FC Barcelona) won through thanks to the skill and expertise of its negotiating team.

Reuters

FC Barcelona's Neymar

Premier League Standings

Sunderland can survive says Poyet after win at Fulham

LONDON, 12 Jan — Sunderland can beat the odds and stay up despite being bottom of the Premier League at Christmas, manager Gus Poyet said after an emphatic 4-1 win at fellow strugglers Fulham on Saturday.

Manager Gus Poyet

Propping up the table on 25 December almost always leads to relegation, with only West Bromwich Albion making a great escape in 2005, but after Adam Johnson's hat-trick on Saturday hoisted Sunderland off the bottom, Poyet said they are up for the fight. "It was an outstanding performance," the Uruguayan told the BBC. "If we can retain that level then we can stay up. We needed something special and got it today. "The lads were superb, you do not score four goals away from home many times in your life. "Adam Johnson was exceptional with his passing, his creativity and everything he did today. He needs the ball and the chance to pass it."

Johnson, signed in 2012 from Manchester City, has slipped from the limelight and is no longer talked about as an England player despite 11 caps for his country.—*Reuters*

Defoe begins long goodbye from Spurs with typical goal

LONDON, 12 Jan — England striker Jermain Defoe began his long goodbye from Tottenham Hotspur with his first Premier League goal of the season as the home side recovered from a poor first half to beat Crystal Palace 2-0 on Saturday.

Defoe, Spurs' fifth highest all-time scorer with 143 goals, will be joining MLS side Toronto FC in March in a six million pounds ($9.89 million) deal and scored in the 72nd minute to guarantee all three points at White Hart Lane.

Tottenham are unbeaten in five league matches since Tim Sherwood became manager last month after the sacking of Andre-Villas Boas and the win took them up to fifth in the table. Palace are now bottom of the standings despite having dominated an opening half in which Jason Puncheon blasted an eighth minute penalty high and wide into the crowd.

Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe

Spurs were far better after the break, took the lead through Christian Eriksen, who smashed the ball home from close range after 50 minutes, and sealed the points when Defoe replaced Roberto Soldado in the 58th and scored 14 minutes later.

He collected a clever through ball from winger Aaron Lennon, created space for himself and then fired past keeper Julian Speroni for the kind of typical poacher's goal he has been scoring throughout his career.

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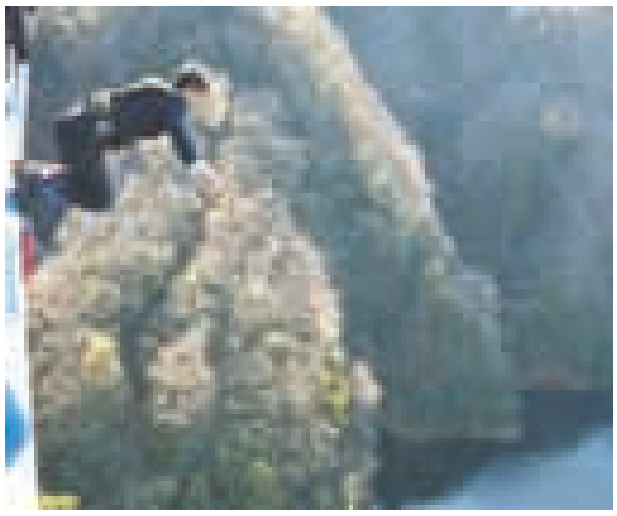

A man engages in bungee jumping in Hitachiota, Ibaraki Prefecture, on 11 Jan, 2014. A total of nine men and women did a bungee jump from a 100-metre-high bridge, making it the highest bungee jumping spot in Japan, the same day to commemorate their coming of age.—KYODO NEWS

5.0-magnitude quake hits 136km NE of Hirara, Japan

HONG KONG, 12 Jan — An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted 136km NE of Hirara, Japan at 02:35:46 Hong Kong Time on Sunday (18:35:46 GMT), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 35.97 km, was initially determined to be at 25.6833 degrees north latitude and 126.2338 degrees east longtitude.—*Xinhua*

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6:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

6:20 am
2. Physical Exercise

6:35 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song

6:45 am
4. Documentary

7:00 am
5. News/Weather Report

7:20 am
6. People Talks

7:35 am
7. Documentary

8:00 am
8. News/ International News

8:30 am
9. Teleplay (Health)

8:45 am
10. Documentary (Egypt, Pyramids)

9:00 am
11. News/ International News

9:30 am
12. Cartoon Series

10:00 am
13. News

10:15 am
14. Documentary

11:00 am
15. Teleplay

11:20 am
16. New Melody

12:00 am
17. News/ International News/ Weather Report

12:25 pm
18. Myanmar Movie

3:00 pm
19. News

3:15 pm
20. Performance by State Traditional Orchestra

3:40 pm
21. Teleplay (Traffic)

4:00 pm
22. News

4:15 pm
23. Myanmar Traditional Country Songs

4:30 pm
24. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Years (Economic)

4:45 pm
25. Song Programme

5:00 pm
26. News

5:15 pm
27. Documentary (SEA Games) (Part-3)

5:30 pm
28. India Drama Series

6:00 pm
29. News/Weather Report

6:20 pm
30. Documentary

6:35 pm
31. Teleplay

7:00 pm
32. News

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37. News

38. Documentary

39. India Drama Series

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Japan's Kasai becomes oldest World Cup winner

BAD MITTERNDORF, (Austria), 12 Jan — Japan's 41-year-old Noriaki Kasai became the oldest ski jumper to win on the World Cup circuit on Saturday with a victory in a ski flying event in Austria.

Kasai led the field with a 196-meter effort in the first round of jumps and added a leap of 197 meters in the second round to earn a winning total of 391.6 points, 10.1 ahead of runner-up Peter Prevc of Slovenia. Local favorite Gregor Schlierenzauer finished third with 380.3.

At the age of 41 years, seven months, Kasai beat the record held by compatriot Takanobu Okabe, who won a World Cup event in March 2009 at 38 years, four months. It was Kasai's first World Cup victory since February 2004 and 16th overall in World Cup individual events — also a record for Japanese ski jumpers.

"I can't remember what happened from the moment I leapt into the air, and I'm just pleased that I dealt well with anxiety and nervousness," Kasai said of his second jump, which he faced with a slim lead of 0.2 point over Prevc.

"It was good a thing like this occurred to me before the (Sochi) Olympics, where the weight of pressure is going to be incomparable," he said, adding, "Now I think I can expect good results at the Olympics."

Kasai's latest victory came after his third-place finish in a large hill event in Germany and fourth-place standing in the Four Hills tournament earlier this winter. He won a team-event silver at the 1994 Lillehammer Games for his only Olympic medal.

Kyodo News

Armed tribesmen attack oil field in SE Yemen, three soldiers killed

ADEN, (Yemen), 12 Jan — At least three army soldiers were killed after armed tribesmen launched an attack on an oil field in Yemen's southeastern province of Hadramout on Saturday, a government official told *Xinhua*.

"The tribal gunmen in vehicles attacked an on oil installation operated by Norwegian DNO in the suburbs of Hadramout province," the local official said on condition of anonymity. They killed three soldiers and kidnapped an engineer and two workers, the official said.

An army officer near the scene confirmed to *Xinhua* about the incident, saying: "angered tribesmen attacked a military post guarding the oil field in Hadramout. Fierce armed confrontations followed the attack."

Last week, attackers of a powerful tribe blew up a major oil pipeline in Yemen's Hadramout, halting the flow of oil.

Yemen has seen frequent attacks by al-Qaida militants and armed tribesmen on oil pipelines as well as the country's main electricity grid.

Yemen's oil production rapidly declined from 400,000 barrels per day at the beginning of the last decade to the current 270,000 barrels per day.

The country's transitional government, which depends on oil exports for up to 70 percent of its budget, has bolstered security measures to protect the pipelines and prevent future attacks.—*Xinhua*

Hazard and Torres fire Chelsea to the top

LONDON, 12 Jan — Eden Hazard and Fernando Torres applied the gloss to a workmanlike 2-0 victory at Hull City that lifted Chelsea ominously to the top of the Premier League on Saturday. In true Jose Mourinho style, Chelsea first nullified the minimal threat posed by Hull, then cut through at will after the break when classy goals by Hazard and Torres earned the Blues a fourth consecutive league victory.

Mourinho's side have 46 points, one more than Arsenal who play Aston Villa on Monday and two more than Manchester City who travel to Newcastle on Sunday.

"Do we like to be leaders? Yes, we like, but maybe tomorrow we are second and maybe Monday we are third," Mourinho said.

"The important thing is that we all know we are going in the right direction."

Everton are also on the up, rising to fourth with 41 points courtesy of a 2-0 home win over Norwich City and Tottemham Hotspur have 40 in fifth after beating Crystal Palace 2-0.

With Sunderland winning 4-1 at Fulham and West Ham United 2-0 at Cardiff City, Palace now prop up the table.

New West Bromwich Albion manager Pepe Mel watched his new club lose 1-0 at Southampton. Chelsea enjoyed a largely stress-free Saturday lunchtime in Hull with Hazard providing the spark throughout.

Chelsea's Fernando Torres (R) shoots and scores his goal against Hull City during their English Premier League soccer match at The KC Stadium in Hull, northern England, on 11 Jan, 2014. —REUTERS

He fired a low shot home 10 minutes after the break and Spain striker Torres marked his 200th Premier League appearance with a clinical late strike.

A thoroughly satisfying day for Mourinho also witnessed goalkeeper Petr Cech set a new club record of 209 clean sheets, 150 of them in the Premier League.

Cech was barely troubled as he edged in front of Peter Bonetti, his only save of note coming from Jake Livermore's swerving effort before halftime.

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MOHA honours victorious athletes of SEA Games

YANGON, 12 Jan — Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko attended a ceremony to honour athletes, managers, coaches and referees from the Home Affairs Ministry who showed off prestige of Myanmar in the 27th SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw.

A total of 79 athletes representing the Home Affairs Ministry participated in the SEA Games and brought 56 medals—13 gold, 8 silver and 35 bronze in the SEA Games—to the nation.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko awarded the prizes and paid promotion of ranks to the winners.

He called for the athletes to uplift the prestige of the nation of their utmost taking the lessons from the previous SEA Games.

It was also attended by wife of the Union minister, officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, directors-general and their wives and outstanding athletes, coaches and guests.

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Deputy C&IT Minister inspects communication facilities for ASEAN Para Games

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Win Than on 10 January looked into installation of WiFi and mobile communication networks for better services of Internet at the gymnasiums of Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex where the 7th ASEAN Para Games will be held.

The deputy minister instructed officials to supervise better Internet access for users and assign the skilled technicians at the sports venues for the Games. He gave instructions on good connection of auto telephones, mobile phone and Internet and inspection of fibre links and reserve links.—*MNA*

Media Market Workshop successfully concludes

YANGON, 12 Jan—Jointly organized by the US Embassy to Myanmar, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and Mingala Group, the Media Market Workshop took place at Holiday Hotel in Pho Sein road, Bahan Township, here yesterday and this morning.

Yesterday, US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Thein Aung and Patron of MMPO U Aung Lwin addressed the occasion.

University of Pennsylvania Cinema Studies Professor Mr. Peter Decherney, Award-winning Independent Filmmaker Mr. Bill Guttentag and American Film Producer Ms. Julie Corman participated in the talks related to film industry and replied to the queries of the attendees.

The workshop continued this morning and Mr Bill Guttentag gave lectures on Storytelling in Dramatic Features and Documentaries.

Those of Myanmar film industry discussed matters related to creation of movies and dramas on true stories.

Afterwards, the U.S. film experts and those of Myanmar movie world took part in the talks.

It was attended by departmental officials, trainees of Laturel Academy, Yangon Film, School (YFS) and Myanmar Media Development Centre (MMDC) and students of National University of Art and Culture (Yangon).

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Myanmar para basketball team hopes medal in ASEAN Para Games

Myanmar team will take part in the wheelchair basketball event for the first time in the 7th ASEAN Para Games to be hosted soon on her soil.

As the sport event uses the wheelchairs, a mechanic will give services to the chairs of the users during the games. However, the wheelchairs made by industrial zones of Myanmar and Thailand used by Myanmar athletes are slower than that of opponents, it was learnt.

Despite lack of experience, Myanmar athletes will compete with those of Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Laos in the games, but training experiences and efforts of Myanmar athletes are satisfactory, said Team Manager U Tin Tun Aung.

Myanmar athletes were picked out to the team on 6 February 2013 and placed under training on 8 February.

To gain sports experiences at home, the team has played against those of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Commerce and Alpha Organization.

Byline: *Theint Theint Moe:*
Photo: *Kyaw Thu Win*

Myanmar team is constituted with players Zaw Min Oo, Thaw Zin Oo, Aung Ko Ko, Hein Soe Win, Aung Zaw Win, Min Ko Ko, Zaw Naing Tun, Min Thiha, Htin Lin Thu, Aung Myint Win, Soe Thu Aung and Myo Thein. They take two training sessions a day regularly to be able to sail to the final.

The 7th ASEAN Para Games will take place at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (B) from 15 to 19 January.

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New Bangladesh cabinet sworn in after controversial parliament polls

DHAKA, 12 Jan—Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formed her new cabinet taking the oath of office Sunday for the second consecutive term after last week's controversial parliament polls.

Sheikh Hasina, eldest daughter of Bangladesh's founding father and first President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was sworn in on Sunday as Prime Minister of the country for the second consecutive term.

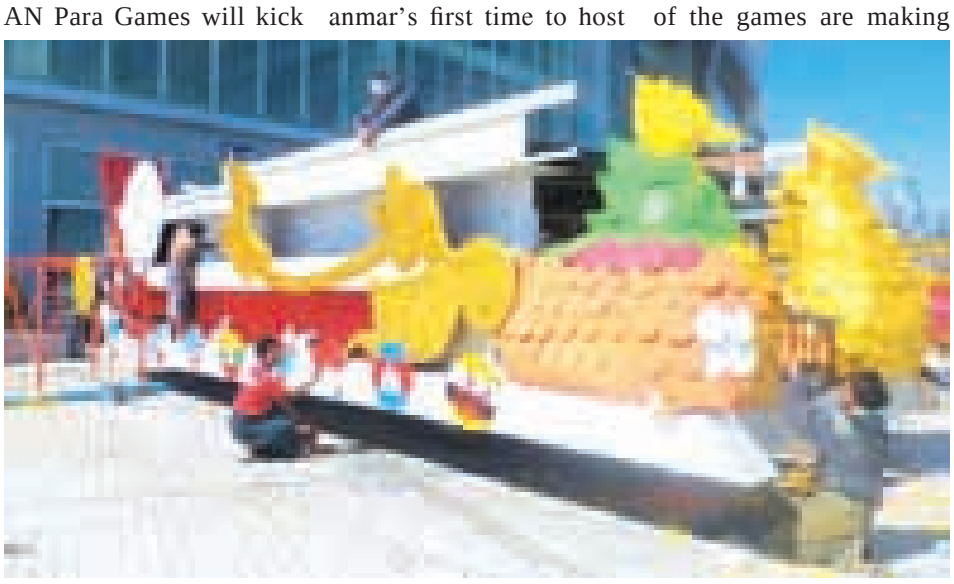
Forty-eight others, comprising 29 ministers, 17 state ministers and two deputy ministers were also sworn in.Hasina was sworn in as prime minister at 3:30 p.m. (local time) Sunday for the third time after dissolution of the polls-time cabinet and council of advisers.—*Xinhua*

Live broadcast for ASEAN Para Games

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—MRTV will broadcast live of the opening ceremony of 7th ASEAN Para Games to be held at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, as of 5.15 pm on 14 January.—*NLM*

Preparations for 7th ASEAN Para Games

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—The Seventh ASEAN Para Games will kick off on 14 January in Myanmar. This will be Myanmar's first time to host the ASEAN Para Games. The working committees of the games are making preparations for successfully holding the opening and closing ceremonies of the Para Games at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.



The work committee for organizing opening and closing ceremonies is also making preparations for entertainments of the Myanmar women's traditional orchestra, that of the Kyimyindaing school for the blinds and the violin troupe on board the decorated floats.

MMAL-Khin Zaw (Mingala)

Suspects for murder in Meiktila detained in police custody

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Jan—A murder occurred in a family in Meiktila in Mandalay Region on 11 January and those three involved were detained in police custody.According to the initial investigation of Myanmar police force, About 5:30 pm yesterday, Aung Zaw Htwe asked his wife Ma Khin Shwe Myint to come back home as she had been staying at the house of Pho Pyu (a) Win Ko Ko, No.1 Street, South Pyithayar Ward in Meiktila since two days ago after quarrelling with him. Pho Pyu scolded Aung Zaw Htwe and Zaw Myo Htwe, younger brother of Aung Zaw Htwe, catapulted Pho Pyu. While Pho Ni (a) Zaw Htet, elder brother of Zaw Myo Htwe, tried to settle the quarrel, he was stabbed by Pho Pyu and got an injured in his right rib. Aung Zaw Htwe beat Pho Pyu with a stick and stabbed him in his left rib with knife. Pho Pyu died on the spot.Pho Ni is under medical treatment at Meiktila Hospital and Aung Zaw Htwe and Zaw Myo Htwe have been detained at Meiktila Prison.

Security measures are being taken in Meiktila and nearby areas systematically to prevent unwanted problems.

The local authority said it was just a case happened in the family and requested not to believe the rumors created by those who wish to resort to violence, according to the officials.—*MNA*